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I've read the news on the proposed one billion dollar settlement.

This seems to me to be in Microsoft's favor. In addition to few to no changes of their behavior, a portion of the punishment is a real benefit to them. The resolution including the dissemination of their software and compatible hardware, training to use their products, and loads of their often bundled software, seems to fly in the face of the very point of the trial.

Microsoft has been declared a monopoly for illegal tactics that were specifically meant to increase their market share, for bundling products for free to get market share, and for illegally blocking other's products to gain market share, and now, a good portion of the settlement specifically increases their market share of both the OS and their bundled products.

I believe this settlement should be declined. Microsoft has once again gained the upper hand and will continue to benefit from such a settlement. The settlement should require a change in their behavior, the settlement does nothing to address their behavior and will not change it in the future.

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